

(A) - HHM Safety Chart on Home Page (revised 1-22-02)

PRODUCT	DISPOSAL*	STORAGE	HAZARD	ALTERNATIVE**
<b>Abrasive Cleaners</b>	Use as directed. Otherwise, put down drain with lots of water.	Safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Corrosive, Toxic	Rub area with 1/2 lemon dipped in borax, rinse, dry.
<b>Aerosols</b>	Use up, then dispose in trash.	Safely away from children & pets in original container.	Flammable, Toxic (may destroy ozone layer)	Use non-aerosol sprays, liquids, or pastes.
<b>Air Fresheners</b>	If used up, place in trash. Otherwise save for RCC.	Safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Toxic, Flammable	Open box of baking soda, natural scents like flowers & spices.
<b>Ammonia-Cleaners</b>	Use as directed. Otherwise, put down drain with lots of water.	Safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Ammonia, Ethanol: Toxic, Reactive to Chlorine	Vinegar & Saltwater or baking soda & water.
<b>Ant/Roach Killer</b>	Save for RCC.	Safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Toxic	Roaches: traps of baking soda & powdered sugar. Ants: Red chili powder.
<b>Antifreeze</b>	Use as directed. Or recycle. Or contact your local wastewater treatment plant to see if you can flush down drain.	Safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Ethylene, Glycol: Toxic	None known.
<b>Bathroom Cleaner</b>	Use as directed. Otherwise, put down drain with lots of water.	Safe from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Corrosive, Toxic, Irritant	Baking Soda; mild detergent.
<b>Batteries (alkaline)</b>	Place in trash.	Safe from children and pets.	Corrosive, Reactive, toxic	None
<b>Batteries (lead-acid)</b>	Recycle.	Safe from children and pets.	Sulfuric acid: Corrosive, Toxic	None
<b>Batteries (mercury-button)</b>	Save for RCC.	Safe from children and pets.	Corrosive, reactive, toxic	None
<b>Batteries (Nicad rechargeable)</b>	Call 1-800-822-8831 for retailer recycling program.	Safe from children & pets .	Cadmium: Toxic, Corrosive, Reactive	None
<b>Brake Fluid</b>	Save for RCC	Safe from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Toxic	None
<b>Brass Cleaner</b>	Use as directed. Otherwise save for RCC.	Safe from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Toxic, Corrosive	Worcestershire sauce

<b>Carpet Cleaner</b>	Use as directed. Otherwise, put down drain with lots of water.	Safe from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Toxic	A mix of corn meal and borax; or just sprinkle baking soda and vacuum.
<b>Car Wax/Polish</b>	Save for RCC. If hardened, it can be placed in trash.	Safe from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Toxic, Corrosive	
<b>Cleaning Sprays</b>	Use as directed. Otherwise, put down drain with lots of water.	Safe from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Toxic, Corrosive	
<b>Degreaser (engine)</b>	Save for RCC.	Safe from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Flammable, Toxic	None
<b>Disinfectants</b>	Use as directed. Otherwise, put down drain with lots of water.	Safe from children & pets in tightly sealed marked container.	Fluorocarbons, Phenols, Hypochlorites: Toxic, Flammable, Corrosive	Soap & Water, 1/2 cup borax in 1 gallon water. To inhibit mold & mildew, do not rinse off borax solution.
<b>Drain Cleaner</b>	Use as directed. Otherwise, put down drain with lots of water or save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Acids, hypo-chlorites, Hydroxides: Toxic, Corrosive	Pour 1/2 cup baking soda, then 1/2 cup vinegar down drain. Stand for 15 minutes, then pour 2 quarts boiling water; use plunger or metal snake.
<b>Fabric Dyes</b>	Flush down drain if diluted. If concentrated, save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Corrosive, Toxic	None
<b>Fertilizers (chemical)</b>	Use as directed. Save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Toxic, Causes Burns	Peat moss; blood & fish meal for N, bone meal for P.
<b>Flea Collars-Sprays-Powders</b>	Use as directed. If necessary, spray can be put in drain with lots of water. Collars should be placed in plastic bag and disposed of in the trash.	Store safely away from children & pets.	Toxic	Pennyroyal ointment; herbal collar; or brewers yeast in pet's diet.
<b>Floor Wax/Stripper</b>	Save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Flammable, Toxic	None
<b>Florescent Bulbs</b>	Save for RCC.			None

<b>Furniture Polish</b>	Save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Flammable, Toxic	Apply olive or almond oil and rub in. Let stand several hours, then polish with cloth.
<b>Gasoline</b>	Save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container, and away from heat, flame, & spark.	Benzene, Toluene, Xylene: Flammable, Toxic, Reactive	None
<b>Glass Cleaner</b>	Use as directed. Otherwise, put down drain with lots of water.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Toxic	1/4 cup vinegar in 1 quart warm water (don't use as windshield wiper solution; can damage pump).
<b>Household Cleaners</b>	Use as directed. Otherwise, put down drain with lots of water.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Toxic	Mix 1/2 cup ammonia, 1/2 cup white vinegar, 1/2 gallon of water, and 1/4 cup soda.
<b>Insecticides/Pest Control</b>	Use as directed. Otherwise, save for RCC. Some can be recycled.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Arsenicals, Chlorinated Hydrocarbons: Toxic	Varies with plant and type of problem. Options include natural biological controls, barriers, and traps. For houseplants, spray with soapy water, then rinse.
<b>Moth Balls</b>	Put down drain with lots of water.	Store safely away from children & pets.	Napthalenes, Paradichlorobenzenes: Toxic	Freshly sanded cedar blocks; newspapers.
<b>Motor Oil</b>	Recycle.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Benzene, Heavy metals: Flammable, Toxic	None known.
<b>Oil Filters (used)</b>	Recycle: take to oil recycling station.	Store safely away from children in tightly sealed labeled container.	Toxic,	None
<b>Oven Cleaner</b>	Save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Hydroxides: Corrosive, Toxic	Clean grease with rag & vinegar. Sprinkle salt on spills, let sit for few minutes, then scrape and wash. Also try baking soda & steel wool. Don't use abrasives on self-cleaning ovens.

<b>Paint - Latex</b>	Latex: Dry, then dispose in trash. Or check with local officials regarding usable paint.	Put plastic wrap under lid; store upside down to tighten seal.	Toxic	Whitewash or cassein-based paint.
<b>Paint – Oil Based</b>	Save for RCC.	Put plastic wrap under lid; store upside down to tighten seal.	Methylene Chloride, Ethylene: Flammable, Toxic	Latex paint
<b>Paint – Hobby</b>	Save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets.	Flammable, Toxic	None
<b>Paint Thinners and Removers</b>	Recycle. Call RCC for details.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Flammable, Toxic Dangerous for heart conditions.	Use sandpaper. To recycle thinners, allow contaminants to settle, then strain through fine sieve and re-use thinner. Store contaminants for RCC.
<b>Roach/Ant Killer</b>	Save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Toxic	Roaches: traps of baking soda & powdered sugar. Ants: Red chili powder.
<b>Rug Cleaner</b>	Save for RCC	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Toxic, Corrosive, Causes burns	Dry cornstarch sprinkled on rug and vacuumed.
<b>Spot Remover</b>	Save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Toxic, Corrosive	Club soda for blood & chocolate; crème of tartar w/ few drops of lemon juice for ink stains.
<b>Shoe Polish</b>	Use as intended. Otherwise, put in plastic bag, seal, and put in trash.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Toxic,	For leather shoes, apply olive or walnut oil or beeswax and buff with chamois cloth.
<b>Silver Polish</b>	Save For RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container .	Corrosive, Toxic	Soak in 1 qt. Warm water containing 1 tsp. Baking soda, 1 tsp. Salt, and piece of aluminum foil; also, try toothpaste (not for silver plate).
<b>Swimming Pool Chemicals</b>	Save for RCC (or contact local wastewater treatment plant for disposal).	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Corrosive, Toxic, Explosive	None.
<b>Thermometer (mercury)</b>	Save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets .	Toxic	Use electronic digital thermometers

<b>Toilet Cleaners</b>	Use as intended. Otherwise, put down drain with lots of water.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Corrosive, Toxic, Irritant	Mix 1/2 Cup borax with 1 gallon water.
<b>Transmission Fluid</b>	Recycle or save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Flammable, Toxic	None
<b>Windshield Wiper Fluid</b>	Use if possible, or save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Toxic	
<b>Weed &amp; Brush killer</b>	Save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Toxic	Pull weeds by hand.
<b>Wood preservative</b>	Save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Toxic, Flammable	None
<b>Wood Stains/Varnishes</b>	Use as intended or save for RCC.	Store safely away from children & pets in tightly sealed labeled container.	Toxic, Flammable	Natural earth pigment finishes.

\* Directions to dispose down drain with large amounts of water do NOT apply to homes with septic tanks. If you have a septic tank, contact RCC for safe disposal.

\*\* Borax is the most caustic of the alternative cleaners. Store it with special care and keep it out of reach of children and pets. Latex gloves are advised.